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TO : Acting General Counsel

DATE: 23 August 1954

FROM : Assistant Director for Research and Reports
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Summons for Jury Duty

1. Enclosed is my summons to appear for jury duty on the morning of 7 September 1954. You will recall that I had a similar summons some time in 1951 or 1952 for which I appeared armed with a letter signed by the Acting Executive. At that time the judge released me from duty. Last year, I received another summons and forwarded it to the DD/I. Since I heard no more about it, postponement must have been obtained.

2. Although I recognize the responsibility of a citizen to perform jury duty, may I request that an effort be made to obtain another postponement in this instance.

3. In addition to the continuing responsibilities that I have as Assistant Director of one of the large producing components of the Agency, I have exceptional responsibilities during the next month or two in directing preparations for and participating in the forthcoming study by the General Clark Committee. It is anticipated that my Office will be very closely scrutinized. Another development are forthcoming discussions concerning revisions in directives relating to the assignment of responsibility among agencies for the production of foreign economic intelligence within the Government. As the person responsible for the economic intelligence effort within CIA and as Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee under the IAC, I of course feel that I should not be absent during this critical period. Furthermore, the Area Chief who usually acts as my deputy during my absence is not returning from three weeks annual leave until 7 September and will not have been aware of important developments that have taken place during his absence. I am also having some turnover of personnel in positions immediately under me during the coming month to six weeks.

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